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1. The Alte Grenadier Kaserne on Guestrower Strasse, Schwerin (M 54/T 46), housed about 300 VP recruits in mid-June 1950. The men were quartered in the "Am Guestrower Tor" building, in a small annex building, and in two temporary barracks. An unknown number of additional recruits were seen arriving there. The VP recruits in the installation received political indoctrination and basic training. *
2. Allegedly 2,000 to 3,000 VP recruits were quartered in the temporary barracks in the Sternbuchholz training area in mid-June 1950. The recruits received field training and drivers' training on full-track vehicles. **
3. Machine guns, bazookas and ammunition for the VP were stored in shed No. 11 of the installation near the Sacktannen.
4. Captain Anaziev (fnu) was identified as Soviet liaison officer with the VP unit in Sternbuchholz in June 1950. He always wore civilian clothes.

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* ☐ Comment. No Bereitschaftspolizei unit is known to be located in Schwerin. The Mecklenburg Landespolizeihoerde (Land police headquarters) and the Grenzpolizeileitung West (headquarters of border police in the western region) are believed to be in the Alte Grenadier Kaserne. The VP recruits observed may have belonged to the regular police or the border police.

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** ☐ Comment. The 1st VP Bereitschaft of Land Mecklenburg was previously identified in Sternbuchholz. It is believed to number about 1,500 police rather than 2,000 to 3,000.

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